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Remarks:

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SSC-CIA PROCEDURES

Procedures for the continuing investigation of the Agency by the Senate Select Committee are agreed along the following lines:

1. The Director reaffirms his responsibility to protect sensitive sources and methods. As a general practice, Agency files will be screened before the SSC is granted access. The primary purpose is to protect sensitive names and methods.
2. The SSC reaffirms its need to have access to complete unscreened files. In practice, the SSC staff has the right to protest our removal of information. CIA must be precise when material is removed and explain why. The SSC staff in appealing, must state precisely why they think they must have the sensitive detail.

Once the SSC appeals, negotiations would begin at once aimed at reaching agreement along the following lines:

(When it is agreed that the SSC will have access to sensitive detail.)

1. A designated SSC staff member will read certain unscreened files. His notes would be subject to Agency sanitization.
2. In more sensitive situations, senior SSC staff members will read certain unscreened files. Their notes would be subject to Agency sanitization.

(When it is not agreed that the SSC staff will have access to sensitive detail, the following will occur:

1. The Director will take the sensitive detail to higher authority in the NSC for decision and if the decision is not to make the material available to the staff the sensitive detail will be taken directly to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the SSC for final resolution.

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The Agency will respond to SSC requests within 24 hours, with an answer, a partial response, or at least an acknowledgment and a statement as to whether or not the response can be made within 96 hours (four working days). The parties will negotiate possible misunderstandings immediately to ensure that requests are understood. Where appropriate the Agency may present contextual statements to the Committee or to the staff, orally or in writing. The Agency will to the maximum extent possible provide responsive data as soon as it is available and will not hold up a response until all materials requested have been compiled. Where documents are withheld because clearance is being sought from another agency or because it may be deemed subject to Executive Privilege, the SSC will be so advised and a brief description of the document will be given.

The SSC will summarize and assign priorities in a new request which will supersede all previous requests.

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4. [REDACTED] Spoke to Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi, Special Subcommittee on Intelligence, House Armed Services Committee, about a problem involving committee jurisdiction and the possibility that we might have to draw a line consistent with the congressional guidelines we have been operating under for 25 years pending resolution of this issue by the Select Committees or others, and he tended to agree.

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5. [REDACTED] Spoke with Representative Sam Steiger, Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, concerning the request arising out of today's hearings for certain documents regarding the [REDACTED] case. He urged that we accommodate the request to the maximum extent consistent with the Director's statutory responsibility for protecting intelligence sources and methods and existing congressional guidelines concerning the reporting of sensitive names and operations.

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6. [REDACTED] Placed a call to Tim Ingram, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, in an effort to advise him of the Director's position that we would provide the documents after appropriate review and removal of names of Agency officers under cover and other material which Mr. Colby is required to protect from disclosure by law. Ingram did not call me back either at the office or at home although I had left a message for him to do so.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 31, 1975

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[Redacted]
Special Counsel to the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia

Dear Mitch:

The Committee has reviewed the procedures for the Senate Select Committee and the Central Intelligence Agency. The Committee believes these procedures may be a means of working out in a sensible, effective way a resolution to the difficulties experienced in recent months. Should difficulties arise during the next week, we should get together promptly to iron out whatever difficulties there may be and if necessary to recast the procedures to meet the needs of the two parties.

Sincerely,

Bill

William G. Miller
Staff Director